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A TARGET IMAGE
USING COLOR MATCH,
LUMINANCE PATTERN
MATCH AND HILL-
CLIMBING TECHNIQUES**

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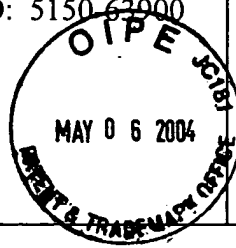
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